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AMBASSADOR EILTS PLEASE PASS TO CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN
J. SLOARZ

FROM AMBASSADOR PICKERING

DEPARTMENT FOR H AND NEA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OREP (SOLARZ, STEPHEN J.)

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ

1. DEAR STEVE:

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE UPON MY RETURN THIS WEEKEND
FROM A FEW DAYS'S VACATION IN SYRIA THAT WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER
VISIT FROM YOU SHORTLY. ALICE AND I ARE LOOKING FORWARD
TO HAVING YOU AND NINA SPEND THE NIGHT WITH US. WE ARE
CURRENTLY WORKING ON YOUR SCHEDULE WHICH YOU SHOULD HAVE
SHORTLY. I WILL BE IN AQABA ON THE MORNING OF YOUR
ARRIVAL WELCOMING A US NAVAL VISIT, THE FIRST IN TWELVE
MONTHS' TIME. HOWEVER, WE EXPECT TO FLY UP FROM AQABA
IN THE MORNING AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE AIRPORT OR IN AMMAN SHORTLY
AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL.

2. I HAVE CONSIDERED MOST CAREFULLY YOUR REQUEST FOR A
MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN. I MUST GIVE YOU MY FRANK OPINION
THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE NOW TO PROCEED WITH SUCH A REQUEST
AND I WANT TO COUNSEL PERSONALLY AGAINST DOING SO. THE KING
IS VERY MUCH DISTURBED AND DISHEARTENED BY

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THE HAWK MISSILE EPISODE. IT WOULD NOT BE, IN MY JUDGMENT,

A GOOD IDEA AT THIS POINT TO SEEK A MEETING WITH HIM ON THE BASIS OF HIS CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR OWN POSITION WAS ONE OF SERIOUS RESERVATION ABOUT THE WHOLE DEAL. I HAVE TAKEN THE LIBERTY ALSO OF CHECKING THIS VIEW BRIEFLY WITH PRIME MINISTER FIRAI, AND HE CONFIRMS IT. NEITHER OF US, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THERE IS LIKELY TO BE ANY LONG TIME ENMITY INVOLVED; IT IS JUST THAT WE NEED TIME TO LET PASSIONS AND EMOTIONS COOL ON THIS POINT. THE PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, HAS VERY GRACIOUSLY CONSENTED TO MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE DURING THIS VISIT IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS. SINCE HE IS THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS WELL AND KNOWS INTIMATELY THE KING'S THINKING ON ALL MATTERS OF SIGNIFICANCE, I WOULD CERTAINLY RECOMMEND YOU SEE HIM.

3. I HOPE YOU APPRECIATE THAT MY COUNSEL IN THIS CASE IS BASICALLY DESIGNED TO PRESERVE YOUR AND OUR GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE KING AND THAT IT IN NO WAY REPRESENTS A JUDGMENT ON ANY LONG-TERM OR LONG-STANDING DIFFICULTIES. IF, AFTER READING THIS MESSAGE, YOU WOULD STILL LIKE TO PURSUE A MEETING WITH THE KING, I AM, OF COURSE, BOUND TO DO SO, BUT CANNOT PROMISE WHAT THE RESULT MIGHT BE. I REGRET HAVING TO RAISE THIS WITH YOU IN SUCH AN IMPERSONAL FASHION, BUT FEEL THAT IT IS BETTER THAT YOU KNOW MY CURRENT THINKING ABOUT THE SITUATION DIRECTLY AND AUTHORITATIVELY.

4. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR A GOOD TRIP. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOU HERE AND I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR SCHEDULE WILL BE FULL AND SUSTAINING WHATEVER DECISION YOU MAKE ON THE ABOVE. SINCERELY, TOM PICKERING
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